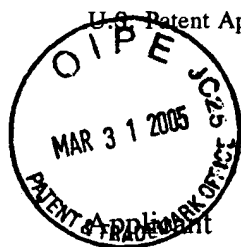


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	A GLIDING OR ROLLING APPARATUS	)

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In reply to the non-final Office action dated October 27, 2004, the period for reply to which Applicant requests an extension of time for three months, from January 27, 2005 to April 27, 2005, and following an interview with the Examiner on March 31, 2005, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section, below, Applicant submits that he has placed the instant application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.